

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend the drawings with the substitute drawing sheets.

Figures 1A-1C and 6 have been amended to bear the legend "Related Art".

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the due consideration given the application. This amendment is being filed concurrent with a request for continued examination. The specification has been amended to insert headings. Substitute drawing figures have been provided.

Claims 1, 4, 5, 7-14 and 16-21 are pending in the application. Claims 2 and 6 have been canceled by this amendment. Claim 1 has been amended to correspond to allowable subject matter in the European application. Claims 4, 5, 7-14 and 16-20 have been amended to improve their language in a non-narrowing fashion. New claim 21 generally corresponds to claim 1 but does not use "means" language.

The Drawings

Figures 1A-1C and 6 have been objected to as not bearing an appropriate legend. Claims 1A-1C and 6 have been amended to bear the legend "Related Art."

Claim Objections

Claim 4 has been objected to as containing an informality. Claim 4 has been amended to be free from informalities.

Rejections Under 35 USC §112, Second Paragraph

Claims 2, 4-8, 10-14 and 17 have been rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The comments in the Official Action have been considered, and the claims have been amended to be clear, definite and have full antecedent basis.

This rejection is believed to be overcome, and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

Rejections Over PERRY

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 9-12, 14 and 16 have been rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by PERRY (U.S. Patent 2,322,466). Claims 5, 7, 8 and 17-20 have been rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over PERRY. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

The present invention pertains to a transmission belt that is illustrated, by way of example, in Figures 2 and 4 of the application, reproduced below.

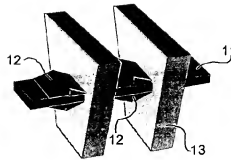


FIG. 2

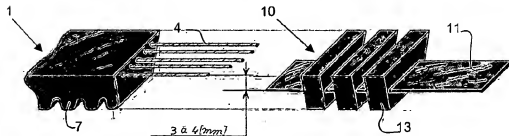


FIG. 4

Figures 2 and 4 show a tensile body 11, intermediate bodies 12 and transverse elements 13. The intermediate bodies 12 are formed from elastic deformable material. The tensile element extends over a width being 0.5 to 0.9 times the width of the transverse element of the effective running diameter of the belt.

Instant claim 1 of the present invention recites: "an intermediate body of elastically deformable material . . . tensile means extending over a width being from 0.5 to 0.9 times a width of the transverse element at the running diameter of the belt," and "wherein the tensile means comprises one of a uni-directional (UD) and a metal sheet-material, in which the intermediate body has an adhesive connection with a radial face of the tensile means and in which the slotted openings of the

transverse elements fit with a cross section of the tensile means."

PERRY pertains to a belt. The Official Action refers to Figure 1 of PERRY, which is reproduced below.

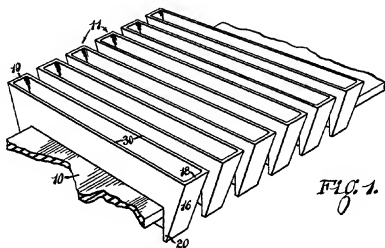


Figure 1 of PERRY shows a belt body 10 and blocks 11.

PERRY fails to disclose an intermediate body of elastic deformable material, disposed to at least one radial side of the tensile means.

PERRY further fails to disclose that the tensile means extend over a width being 0.5-0.9 times the width, of the transverse element at the effective running diameter of the belt, such as is set forth in claim 1 of the present invention.

PERRY additionally fails to disclose that the tensile means comprises a uni-directional or a metal sheet material, such as is set forth in claim 1 of the present invention.

Furthermore, PERRY fails to disclose that the intermediate body has an adhesive connection with a radial face

of the tensile means, such as is set forth in claim 1 of the present invention.

By these features a more durable, improved belt is obtained, that can be applied in variable transmissions in such a manner that a relative smallest running diameter, can be attained in variable transmission without undue sacrifice to durability, design complexity, service life, and strength of the belt.

PERRY thus fails to anticipate claim 1 of the present invention. Claims depending upon claim 1 are patentable over PERRY for at least the above reasons.

Also, one of ordinary skill and creativity would fail to produce a claimed embodiment of the present invention from a knowledge of PERRY, and a *prima facie* case of unpatentability has thus not been made.

These rejections are believed to be overcome, and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Prior art of record but not utilized is believed to be non-pertinent to the instant claims.

The objections and rejections are believed to have been overcome, obviated or rendered moot, and no issues remain. The issuance of a Notice of Allowability is accordingly respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following item(s):

- ☒ - Replacement Sheets for Figures 1A, 1B, 1C, and 6 of the drawings